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Employer of the Year Award Winners to be Announced

State and regional disability-related awards to be presented

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) will be awarding the *2010 North Dakota DVR Employer of the Year Award* to one statewide recipient and eight regional recipients on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. The awards honor North Dakota business owners and employers for their exceptional support of people with disabilities.

The award presentations are scheduled for noon at the Fargo Doublewood Inn. The ceremony is part of the 2010 North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Annual Awards Banquet and Training Conference.

"North Dakota remains number one in the nation for the employment rate of individuals with disabilities because of positive business practices," said Russ Cusack, DVR director. "The 2010 North Dakota DVR Employer of the Year Award recognizes selected businesses and organizations for their continued work with the division and for their work within their communities to support, develop, and inspire individuals with disabilities to achieve their full potential."

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation works to assist individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities and to assist North Dakota business owners and employers in finding solutions to disability-related issues.

For information about Vocational Rehabilitation services, go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html or call 701-328-8950, Toll Free 800-755-2745, or TTY 701-328-8968.